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PASS TO STEPHEN BOSWORTH, EB/ORF

EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH ROEL ON NATURAL GAS PRICING

1. I SPOKE WITH ROEL LAST NIGHT AFTER HE HAD MET WITH THE PRESIDENT. ROEL SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD PUT ME AT LIBERTY TO MAKE KNOWN PUBLICLY THE NATURE OF MY RECENT CONVERSATION WITH HIM ABOUT NATURAL GAS PRICE NEGOTIATIONS. I AM UNABLE TO OFFER ANY EXPLANATION AS TO THE CAUSE OF THIS DRAMATIC TURNAROUND ON THE PRESIDENT'S PART.

2. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT OUR INTEREST IN RESUMING NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE WELL SERVED BY A PUBLICIZING OF THE DETAILS OF THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS AT THIS TIME.

3. PURSUANT TO TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH STEVE BOSWORTH THIS MORNING, A DRAFT STATEMENT FOLLOWS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND COMMENT: "IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING, BASED ON RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO, THAT TO THE EXTENT IT IS POSSIBLE, MEXICO INTENDS TO USE AS MUCH OF ITS NATURAL GAS DOMESTICALLY AS IT CAN. CONFIDENTIAL

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THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO ALSO BELIEVES THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION ABOUT THE SALE OF ANY EXCESS GAS TO THE UNITED STATES IS BEST DEFERRED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE U.S. CONGRESS HAS TAKEN DEFINITIVE ACTION ON PENDING ENERGY LEGISLATION. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT STANDS READY TO RESUME DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO." LUCEY

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